

UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
ARTS COMMISSION  
CITY OF MILPITAS

**Minutes:** Special Meeting of the Arts Commission (AC)  
**Date of Meeting:** Monday, January 22, 2007  
**Place of Meeting:** Milpitas City Hall Committee Conference Room, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd.

**I. Call to Order** Chairperson Rabe called the Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance** Chairperson Rabe led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Roll Call** Commissioners Present: Butler, Ettinger, Foulk, McGuire, Rabe, and Alternates Tsuei (6:22pm) and Asif.

Commissioners Absent: Hays, Ogle

City Staff Present: Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen,  
Public Services Clerk, Tirzah Cedillo

City Council Liaison Absent: Council Member Giordano

**IV. Seating of Alternates** The Chair sat Alternate Asif in Commissioner Ogle's absence.

**V. Approval of Agenda** **MOTION** to approve the Agenda of January 22, 2007.  
M/S: Foulk/McGuire Ayes: All

**VI. Approval of Minutes** **MOTION** to approve the Minutes from November 27, 2006.  
M/S: Ettinger/McGuire Ayes: Butler, Ettinger, McGuire, Rabe, Asif  
No's: None  
Abstain: Foulk

**MOTION** to approve the Minutes from December 11, 2006.  
M/S: Foulk/Ettinger Ayes: Ettinger, Foulk, McGuire, Rabe, Asif  
No's: None  
Abstain: Butler

**VII. Public Forum** No Members from the Public were present.

**VIII. Announcements/Correspondence**  
None

**IX. Old Business**

**1. Sunnyhills Breakfast Review - Rabe**

Chairperson Rabe declared the Sunnyhills Breakfast a success with a high turnout and great conversation. She stated that everyone had a good time and that she would like to host another breakfast in the future, where she would offer a more formal presentation.

Commissioner McGuire stated that she would like to see more food next time. Commissioner Butler said she felt the menu was fine and that different groups offer different food, which is expected from the attendees.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen, asked the Commission if they would like to add this event to their 2008 Work Plan.

**MOTION** to add the Sunnyhills Breakfast to the Art Commission's 2008 Work Plan.

M/S: Foulk/Ettinger

Ayes: All

**2. Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant Program Update – Staff**

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen, stated on December 5, 2006, the Milpitas City Council considered the updated Cultural Arts Support Program changes to implement the Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant Program. City Council felt rather than punishing or restricting groups who hold annual events with little or no change to their program, to reward them by coming back with a different program with grant monies up to \$2,500.00. Commissioner Foulk asked what makes a different program, for example, if a group performs classical music, if they just change the music, and it's still classical, would that be ok. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen responded no, that would not be enough. The group would need to make a completely different program. Commissioner McGuire asked would the new approved grant changes be effective now. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen responded the grant changes would be effective in the 2007-2008 cycle whose grant applications become available in February 2007. Chairperson Rabe asked when the Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant Program goes back to City Council. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen responded it does not go back to City Council, this is an information item for the Commission.

**X. New Business**

**1. Election of Officers – Chairperson Rabe**

Per the Arts Commission Bylaws, "(a) Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will be annually selected at the first meeting of the calendar year from the appointed member for a term of one year."

Chairperson Rabe asked the Commission for nominations for the one-year appointment for Chairperson of the Arts Commission.

**MOTION** to seat Chairperson Rabe as Chairperson of the Arts Commission.

M/S: McGuire/Ettinger

Ayes: All

Chairperson Rabe asked the Commission for nominations for the one-year appointment for Vice Chairperson of the Arts Commission.

**MOTION** to seat Commissioner Ettinger as Vice Chairperson of the Arts Commission.

M/S: McGuire/Foulk

Ayes: All

**2. Recognition of Outstanding Artist Nomination – Ettinger**

Commissioner Ettinger stated in the Commission's packet is the completed Recognition of Outstanding Artist nomination form for Vivian Nguyen an 11-year-old 6<sup>th</sup> grader attending Sinnott Elementary School. Ms. Nguyen had won the Bay Area Division of the San Francisco Chronicle and Ford Motor Company Hispanic Heritage Art and Essay Contest. Vice Chairperson Ettinger asked the Commission to waive the minimum age limit of 13 years old to recognize this student for her efforts in the Literary Arts.

Chairperson Rabe asked if Ms. Nguyen lived in Milpitas because there is a PO Box listed for her address.

Commissioner McGuire stated she feels Ms. Nguyen is too young. Chairperson Rabe asked what the reason for establishing “13 years old” as the minimum age requirement. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen responded the age requirement was established to ensure nominees were credible and to not make recognition of children’s artwork by proud parents. Commission Butler stated she agrees Ms. Nguyen is too young. Commissioner Foulk stated he feels the award as the Commission originally designed it was for more mature recipients. Chairperson Rabe suggested that the Commission not award the Recognition of Outstanding Artist award, but send a card to acknowledge what Ms. Nguyen has accomplished.

**MOTION** to send congratulatory card to Ms. Vivian Nguyen on her essay, but not award the Recognition of Outstanding Artist.

M/S: McGuire/Foulk

Ayes: All

### 3. Liaison Assignments

At the December 11, 2006 Arts Commission meeting, Commissioner Foulk asked staff to agendize liaison assignments so that Commissioner’s may act as information liaisons to other City Commissions. Chairperson Rabe asked the Commission what City Commissions they would be interested in being the liaison for.

Commissioner Ettinger asked what a liaison does. Chairperson Rabe responded a liaison goes to their assigned meetings and reports back to the Arts Commission on information that could relate to/effect the Arts Commission. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated Commissioners don’t have to go to every meeting, only when there is an agenda item that relates to the Arts Commission.

The Commissioners volunteered as follows:

<u>Commissions</u>	<u>Assigned Liaisons</u>
City Council	Giordano
Community Advisory Commission	Foulk
Senior Advisory Commission	Rabe
Planning Commission	Foulk
Youth Advisory Commission	Ettinger
Milpitas Historical Society	McGuire
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Commission	McGuire
Sister Cities Commission	Alternate Tsuei
Library Advisory Commission	McGuire/Butler
MUSD	Foulk

## XI. Staff Reports

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the Commissioners’ Recognition Event is on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 7:00pm here in the City Hall rotunda and City Council Chambers. The menu includes Italian appetizers and desserts. All Commissioners will receive a formal invitation in the mail. This event will be televised and Commissioners will receive a gift.

## XII. Liaison Reports

### 8. Milpitas Historical Society

Commissioner McGuire attended the Historical Society meeting where the niece of Ms. Josephine Guerrero, past Milpitas Post Mistress, read aloud her life

autobiography. Mr. Bob Burrill has stepped down as President of the Historical Society and an Acting President was placed.

**12. MUSD**

Commissioner Foulk stated he attended the MUSD meeting and the Milpitas High School football team won first place in the CCS Championships. The football team attended the School Board meeting to receive certificates.

**XIII. Future Agenda Items**

- Recognition of Outstanding Artist award for Ingel Catindig
- Arts Day (reoccurring item)
- Phantom Art Gallery: screening of artists, and how to hang paintings

**XIV. Adjournment**

There being no further business the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m., to the scheduled meeting on February 26, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tirzah Cedillo  
Recording Secretary